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REQUEST DEPT PASS USCINCSO, TEGUCIGALPA, SAN SALVADOR, MANAGUA AND  
SAN JOSE IMMEDIATE

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: SWEL, GT

SUBJ: GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE

1. PHYSICIAN WHO IS OFFICIAL OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
TOLD USAID PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISOR THERE ARE 400 DEAD AT  
GUATEMALA CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL.

2. SPOKESMAN FOR FIREMEN TOLD USIS EMPLOYEE FIRMEN ESTIMATE  
500 DEAD IN GUATEMALA CITY AND 150 IN NEARBY TOWN SAN JUAN  
SACATEPEQUEZ. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME FIRES IN ZONES 1, 3, 5  
AND 11. FIREMEN SAID ALL HOSPITALS FULL.

3. AMERICAN CITIZEN RETURNING FROM CHIMALTENANGO SAID THERE  
HAD BEEN SERIOUS DAMAGE TO HOUSES AND PROPERTY THERE. COL.  
GUILLERMO ECHEVERRIA, VICE-CHIEF OF STAFF OF ARMED FORCES  
WHO HEAD NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE, STILL HAS NO  
NATIONAL ESTIMATE OF DEAD AND INJURED BUT HAS REPORTS OF  
WIDESPREAD, SEVERE PROPERTY DAMAGE IN WIDE BELT FROM JUTIAPA  
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AND JALAPA IN THE EAST TO QUICHE IN THE WEST. ECHEVERRIA

INFORMED AND GRATEFUL FOR OFFER OF U.S. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND IS AWAITING DETAILS OF WHAT CAN BE PROVIDED. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO MEET AND HOUSE FIVE MAN U.S. DISASTER SURVEY TEAM EXPECTED FROM PANAMA THIS AFTERNOON.

4. MILGP HAS RADIO REPORT FROM PUERTO BARRIOS, THE ATLANTIC COAST AND TO HONDURAS IS CLOSED DUE TO BRIDGE BEING OUT.

5. RUMORS THAT PANAM SWAMPED WITH AMERICANS UNABLE TO FLY OUT HAVE PROVEN EXAGGERATED. PANAM STATES ONLY 40 TO 50 PASSENGERS UNABLE TO BE LOADED TODAY, AND SOUTHBOUND FLIGHTS STILL HAVE SOME SEATS FREE.

6. AFTERSHOCKS HAVE CONTINUED EVERY FEW MINUTES THROUGHOUT DAY IN GUATEMALA.  
ANDREWS

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